(b) who are the teachers whose claims have been superseded in the above appointment;

(c) what are the qualification and service of the Deputy Inspector appointed and the teachers mentioned in (b) ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The appointment of the Deputy Inspector being one of selection and not according to seniority cannot be said to be in supersession of the seniority of any teacher.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Mr. C. A. Vaidyanatha Ayyar has put in a service of 14 years and is a B.A., L. T. (Physics). The latter part of the question does not require answer in the light of the answer to (a).

Caste-war statement of Professors and Assistant Professors in the Maharaja's College.

225. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of Professors and Assistant Professors in the Maharaja's College;

(b) a caste-war list of such appointments showing the number in each of the following sub-divisions, viz., Brahmins, other caste Hindus, non-caste Hindus, Christians and Muslims?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—

		(a) *Professors.*	*Assistant Professors.*
		9	32
(2)	Brahmins	3	14
	Nayars	2	13
	Nambiyar	1	1
	Warriar	nil	1
	Goud Saraswath Brahmin	1	nil
	Kshatriya	1	1
	Christians	1	2

Purchase of foreign drafts by Government.

226. Mr. P. C. Varkey.— Will the Government be pleased to state the lowest and the highest rates of exchange at which the Government have purchased foreign drafts in each year (with corresponding dates) during the last quinquennium ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— To reply to the question would involve a detailed investigation of the accounts for the whole period of 5 years and Government think that the result would not justify the very great labour involved. The maximum and minimum rates for the last 3 months were:

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1 sh. 6 1/32d. per rupee.
1 sh. 5 15/16d. per rupee.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—May I know the respective dates of these exchanges?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is the average rate in the course of the last 3 months.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—It is not the average figure. It is the maximum and the minimum exchange rates.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I want notice.

Commission charged on the Government for the purchase of foreign drafts.

227. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have been charged any commission on their purchases of sterling and other foreign drafts; and if so, the rate and the total amount of commission paid during the quinquennium?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—No commission is charged by the Government Bankers for issue of sterling and other foreign drafts. No answer is necessary to the last part of the question in view of the above.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know who these bankers are?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The National Bank of India.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Only one?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—It is said that they charge no commission. Is it in consideration of any privilege granted to them by the Government that they charge no commission?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—They are the Government bankers under an agreement. From the very beginning they have not been charging any commission. There is no stipulation in the agreement as regards the charging of commission.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—My question was whether they were charging no commission in consideration of certain privileges given to them by the Government?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—We have not made any mention of privileges there.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—What I want to know is this: They are giving the Government a concession. They are not charging any commission on these drafts. Is it in consideration of any privileges given by the Government to them such as depositing money at a low rate of interest?

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